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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

GINA NAUMOV

FOR LICENSURE TO
PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL
OF LICENSE AND DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Naumov's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. The Committee has reviewed her application for an associate counselor license, application for licensure as a professional counselor, a letter a recommendation from her supervisor, Amy Zieman-Swart, LPC, at Caring Family Community Services, a for-profit agency, a certification from the Executive Director of the Committee and correspondence from the applicant. The Committee makes the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gina D. Braza submitted an application for an associate license on March 31, 2006. (Annexed as Exhibit A, attached and made a part hereto).

2. On June 5, 2006, respondent's application was approved for licensure as an associate counselor. She was sent a letter requiring her to submit payment in the amount of ninety dollars (\$90.00) for an associate counselor license that would be valid through November 30, 2006. (Exhibit B, attached and made a part hereto).

3. Respondent did not submit the licensing fee and an associate license was not issued in 2006. (Exhibit C, attached and made a part hereto).

4. Respondent submitted an application for a license as a professional counselor on June 29, 2007. (Exhibit D, attached and made a part hereto).

5. Respondent admitted in her application for licensure as a professional counselor that she provided 750 hours of supervised counseling services at Caring Family Services from November 2006 through May 2007. (Exhibit D at page 4).

6. Respondent also included in her application a letter from her supervisor, Amy Zieman-Swart, LPC, stating that respondent provided counseling and therapeutic behavioral intervention at Caring Family Community Services under her supervision. (Exhibit E, attached and made a part hereto).

7. Caring Family Community Services is a for-profit agency. (Exhibit F, attached and made a part hereto).

8. On August 16, 2007 respondent changed her name to Gina Naumov. (Exhibit G, attached and made a part hereto).

9. Respondent paid the licensing fee for the associate license on October 22, 2007 and was issued a license as an associate counselor on

October 24, 2007, permitting her to engage in supervised counseling in a for-profit agency. (Exhibits C and H, attached and made a part hereto).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent has submitted a letter of recommendation and her own admission that she provided 750 hours of supervised counseling and therapeutic behavioral intervention at Caring Family Community Services, a for-profit agency, during a period when she did not hold a valid license to engage in professional counseling in a for-profit agency, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 3 day of April 2008

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's application for licensure as a professional counselor is provisionally denied.
2. Respondent is provisionally denied credit toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor for the supervised hours performed by respondent in any for-profit setting.
3. Respondent is provisionally reprimanded for engaging in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).
4. Respondent is provisionally assessed a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for engaging in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Payment shall be by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine

sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

5. The Committee will entertain a new application for licensure when the applicant can demonstrate that she completed the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

6. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Committee at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless the applicant requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a. Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Elaine L. DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101;

b. Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed;

c. Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting the applicant's request for consideration and reasons therefor or in mitigation of the terms in this Provisional Order of Denial.

7. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Committee, and the Committee will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the

Committee is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Denial will be entered.

8. In the event that the applicant's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, the applicant shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding.

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